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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith an English translation of the foreign language document identified in Form PTO/SB/08A. It is believed that the applicant in the above-identified patent application has therefore met the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and in the course of each search, will review for relevance every

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The cited document was originally filed with the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 7, 2001. It is believed that no additional fee is due because the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 7, 2001 and the cited document were timely submitted. As the Applicant responded timely, no fee is due with the present submission as this is merely an English translation of the cited document that was already submitted. If for some reason, the USPTO believes that fees or charges are due in connection with the above-identified matter, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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